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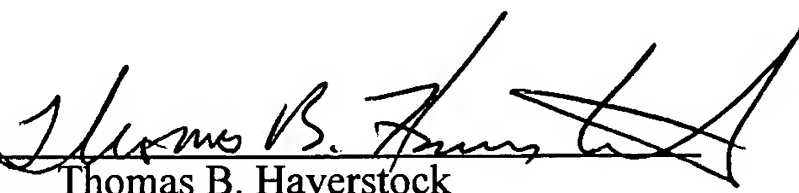
The Applicant has amended the specification of the present patent application to correct typographical errors. Further, the Applicant has amended Claims 1 and 10 to clearly indicate that those claims are directed to an "apparatus for processing a semiconductor wafer." Claims 2-9 and 11-16 remain unchanged. Claims 1-16 are pending. No claims have been added by this preliminary amendment. Figures 1 and 11 have also been amended as described in previous section Amendments to the Drawings. No new matter been added to the application by this paper.

Conclusion

Applicant believes all claims now pending in this application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned at (408) 530-9700.

Respectfully submitted,
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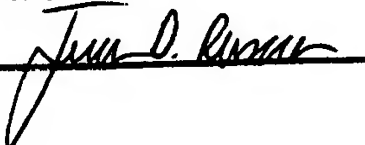
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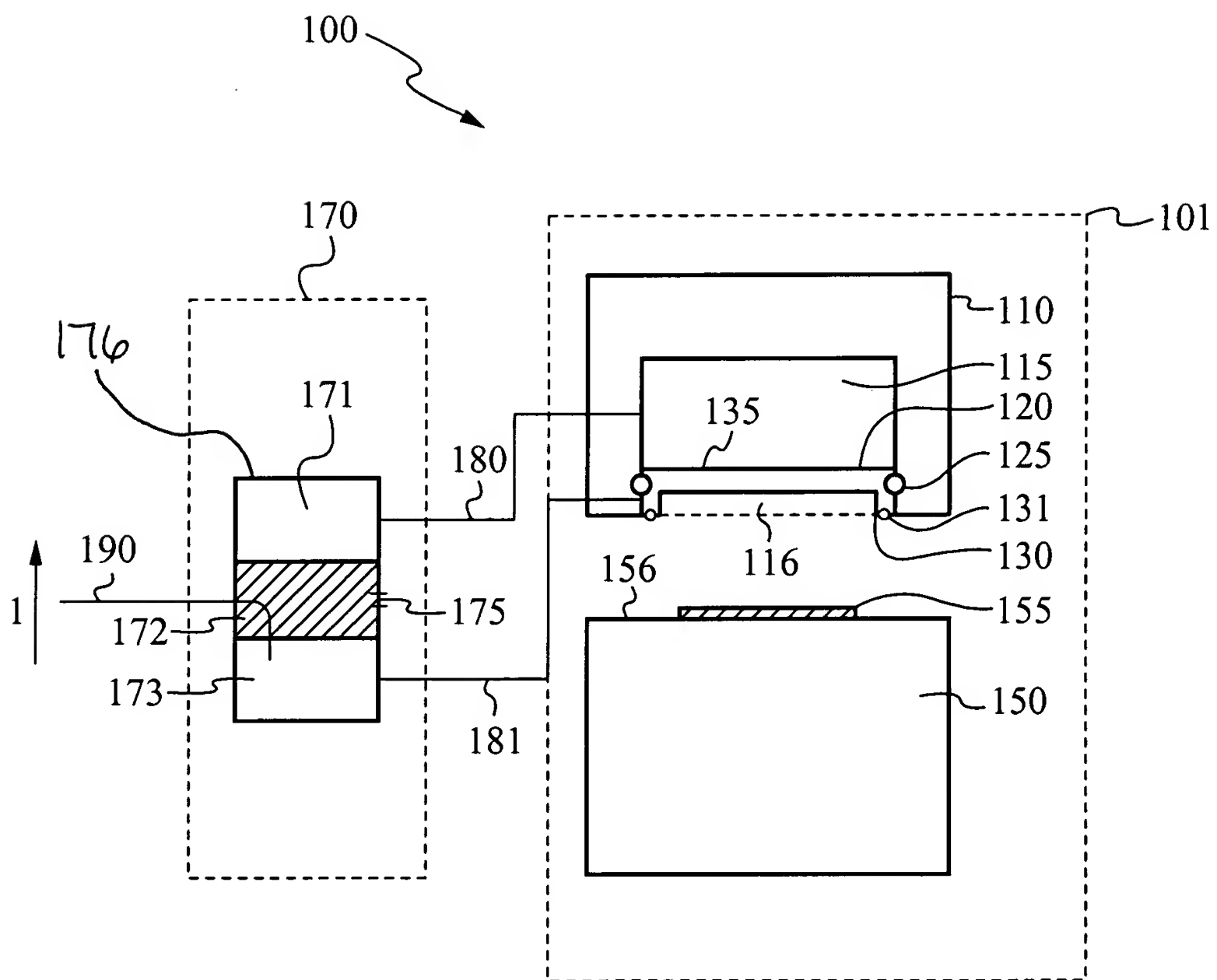
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Amendments to the Drawings

5 The attached sheets of drawings include changes to Figs. 1 and 11. These sheets replace the original sheets illustrating Figs. 1 and 11. In Fig. 1, a housing of the piston is now labeled 176. The housing is described in the original specification (page 8, line 4). In Fig. 11, a processing volume is now correctly labeled with 983, instead of 980, to correct a typographical error. The number 980 was previously assigned to refer to another element, namely base 980, in Figs. 8, 9, and 10.

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Attachment: Replacement Sheets

*Fig. 1*

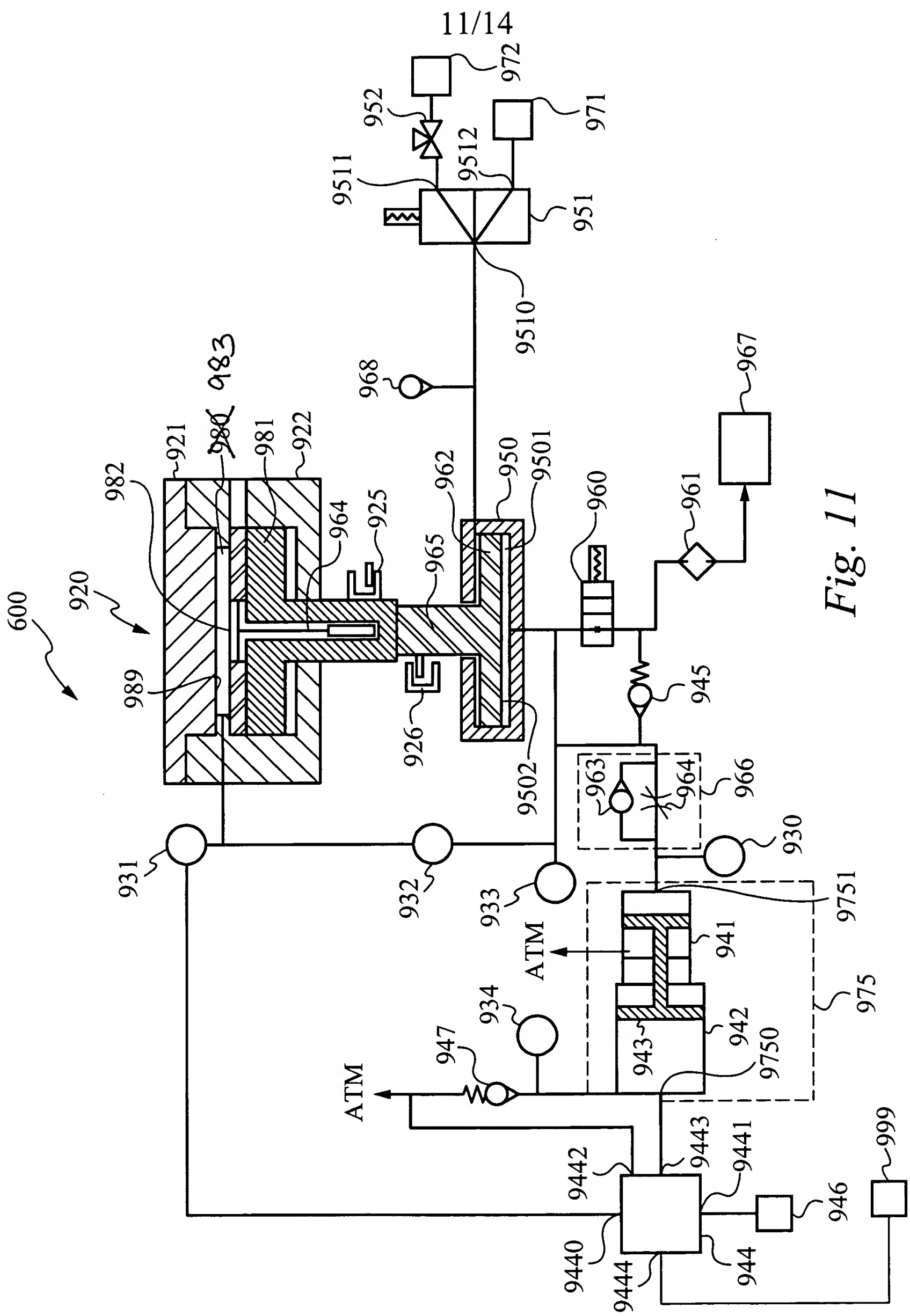


Fig. 11